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after the beginning of the present war. As the writer states, the Swiss people will have to decide whether this monopoly, introduced as a temporary relief measure, should remain in force after the establishment of peace. Dr. Wirz is apparently in favor of monopoly either directly by the state or by an agency created for this purpose.

SIMON LITMAN.

WOOD, T. B. *The national food supply in peace and war.* (London: Cambridge Univ. Press. 1917.)

*Fifth interim report of the Royal Commission on the natural resources, trade, and legislation of certain portions of his majesty's dominions.* (London: His Majesty's Stationery Office. 1917. 1s. 3d.)

*Final report of the Royal Commission on the natural resources, trade, and legislation of certain portions of his majesty's dominions.* (London: His Majesty's Stationery Office. 1917. Pp. 199. 2s. 6d.)

*General abstracts showing the acreage under crops and the numbers and descriptions of livestock in each county and province, 1916-17.* (Dublin: Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland. 1917. Pp. 29. 2d.)

*The mineral industry; its statistics, technology, and trade during 1916.* Volume 25, supplementing volumes 1-24. (New York: McGraw-Hill. 1917. Pp. xviii, 939.)

*The production of coal and coke in Canada during the calendar year, 1916.* (Ottawa: Dept. of Mines, Mines Branch. 1917. Pp. 47.)

*Report of the eighth annual meeting held at Ottawa January 16-17, 1917.* (Ottawa: Commission of Conservation. 1917. Pp. x, 344.)

*The Wyoming oils; a brief review of the oil situation in America.* (New York: Winkelman. 1917.)

*Yearbook of the Bureau of Mines, 1916.* (Washington: Bureau of Mines. 1917. Pp. 174.)

## Manufacturing Industries

### NEW BOOKS

BACKERT, A. O. *The A B C of iron and steel, with a directory of the iron and steel works and their products of the United States and Canada.* Second edition. (Cleveland, O.: Penton Pub. Co. 1917. Pp. 344.)

*Davison's knit goods trade, the standard.* Twenty-seventh annual edition, August, 1917, to August, 1918. (New York: Davison Pub. Co. 1917. Pp. 780.)

ONTHANK, A. H. *The tanning industry.* (Boston: National Shawmut Bank. 1917. Pp. 65.)

Contains chapters on Raw Materials, showing the organization of both domestic and foreign markets; on Tanning, with sections

showing geographical distribution of tables and by-products and financing; and on The Leather Market. Material is presented in concise form. There are several charts and diagrams.

*Abstract of the manufactures, 1914.* (Washington: Dept. Commerce, Bureau of the Census. 1917. Pp. 722. 65c.)

Contains in condensed form all of the essential statistics collected at the census of 1914. More detailed data can be found in the separate state and industry bulletins. This volume includes chapters on statistics of cities, character of ownership, establishments classified according to size, prevailing hours of labor, power, and consumption of fuel.

*The candy making industry in Philadelphia.* (Philadelphia: Phila. Chamber of Commerce. 1917. Pp. 15.)

*The glass industry. Report on the cost of production of glass in the United States.* Miscellaneous series, no. 60. (Washington: Dept. Commerce, Bureau of Foreign & Domestic Commerce. 1917. Pp. 430. 35c.)

*Report of the production of creameries and cheese factories, 1915 and 1916.* (Ottawa: Dept. Trade & Commerce, Census Statistics Office. 1917. Pp. 24.)

### Transportation and Communication

*History of Transportation in the United States before 1860.* By CAROLINE E. MACGILL and a staff of collaborators. Prepared under the direction of BALTHASAR HENRY MEYER. (Washington: Published by the Carnegie Institution of Washington. 1917. Pp. xi, 678. \$6.)

This is the third contribution of the Department of Economics and Sociology of the Carnegie Institution of Washington to American economic history. The work is based principally on a number of independent studies already in book form and on unpublished manuscripts in the hands of the Carnegie Institution.

About half the book (pp. 306-608) is devoted to the study of railway development in the United States. In the first portion of the volume the principal topics are: Early trails, roads, and natural waterways; Tolls and transportation costs on early roads and canals; Traffic by rivers, trails and roads in the trans-Appalachian region; Early land routes in Ohio. There are also chapters on the history of waterways in the various sections. The railway development is discussed by regions. The New England section is treated first, followed by New York, the Middle Atlantic States, the South, and the West.